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Appln No.: 10/810,874

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Applicant(s): CLARK et al.

Title: CENTER BEAM CAR WITH  
INCREASED LOAD CAPACITY

Art Unit: 3617

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 7, 2004, enclosed are:

- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts.
- ☐ An executed Declaration for Patent Application, including Power of Attorney.
- ☒ A copy of the petition decision in prior application Ser. No. 09/635,978, filed August 9, 2000, granting Rule 1.47(a) status.
- ☐ \_\_\_ sheet(s) of drawings are enclosed. ☐ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☐ An Assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_, and Recordation Form Cover Sheet - Patents Only - Form PTO-1595.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for recording the assignment.
- ☐ The Recordation Form Cover Sheet includes authorization to charge \_\_\_\_\_ to our Deposit Account for recording the assignment.

Application No. 10/810,874  
Response dated July 13, 2004  
Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 7, 2004

☒ Fee Calculation:

Fee Calculation For Claims As Filed

<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Application Basic Fee	\$ 160.00	_____
Surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(1)	\$ 50.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Provisional Utility Application Basic Fee	\$ 770.00	_____
Independent Claims	5 - 3 = 2 x \$ 86.00 =	\$ 0.00
Total Claims	20 - 20 = 0 x \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims	\$ 290.00	_____
Surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e)	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Design Application Basic Fee	\$ 340.00	_____
Surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e)	\$ 130.00	_____
Total Filing and/or Surcharge Fee	\$ 130.00	_____

☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), reducing the Filing/Surcharge Fee by half to: \$ 0.00

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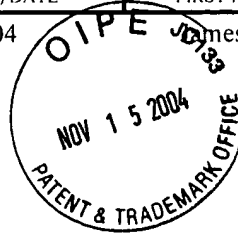


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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
*Ray Richter, Kim McDowell*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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